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Jersey City Proudly Raises the Flag of India in Honor of the 64th Anniversary of its Independence

JERSEY CITY – Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy, the **Municipal Council,** the **Division of Cultural Affairs** with the **Senior's Govinda Army** proudly celebrate the **64th Anniversary of India's Independence** during a **flag raising ceremony** on **Monday, August 23, 2010** at **3:00 p.m.** in **City Hall, 280 Grove Street**.

Sponsored by the **Senior's Govinda Army**, citizens of the Indian community are recognized for their civic duties and dedication to the community. Shaped in part by recent waves of immigration, the City's Indian-American community applauds excellence in the fields of education, politics, religion, culture, science, industry, and business. These accomplishments have unquestionably been an important asset to Jersey City and are worthy of commendation. Those receiving accolades for their contributions include **Swamishree Sadchadanadji- Divya Jyoti Jagrati Sansthan, Ghanshyam Parikh, Rashmi Rawtani, Dr. Binal Solanki, and Dr. Vibha Patel.**

India's Independence Day is celebrated on August 15th to commemorate its independence from British rule and its birth as a sovereign nation on that day in 1947. The struggle for independence involved a wide spectrum of Indian political organizations, philosophies, and rebellions between 1857 and India's emergence as a unified nation-state which exemplifies the principles of fairness, dignity, peace and democracy in 1947.

This anniversary observance reaffirms the dedication of the Indian people all around the world to the highest ideals of democracy and freedom. It is a celebration that recognizes the leadership of **Mahatma Mohandas K. Gandhi**, whose philosophy and creative use of non-violence, such as his famous march to the sea to make salt, to fight the Colonial rule of the British, had a profound influence on the civil rights marches in the United States. India's independence was achieved in 1947. Since then, the nation of India and its people have sought to uphold the principles of fairness, dignity, peace, and democracy.

For more information about the Indian Flag Raising, please contact Cultural Affairs at (201) 547-6921.

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